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Bronx Council on the Arts Releases Bronx Memoir Project Anthology

(December 5, 2014 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and the Bronx Writers Center released the groundbreaking anthology *Bronx Memoir Project – Volume 1*, an unprecedented collection of over fifty Bronx memoir fragments, as penned by our very own residents, spanning various generations, continents, languages, cultures and themes.

Because of the Bronx Memoir Project dozens of aspiring Bronx writers have made big steps toward their dreams, contributing personal memories and experiences in this collection of short, autobiographical written works. The authors all participated in workshops facilitated by BCA's Bronx Writers Center and taught by professionals in the field. For them, the Bronx Memoir Project was a stepping stone providing exposure to people who normally don't get published or receive any publicity, while encouraging them to keep writing.



Bronx Writers who contributed to the *Bronx Memoir Project, Vol. 1* anthology proudly display their published works at December 3, 2014 book release party at BCA's Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos.

Photo courtesy of the Bronx Council on the Arts



The official *Bronx Memoir Project – Volume 1* book release event took place at the Longwood Art Gallery on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 with books available for purchase and download and a number of the book's contributors on hand to support the project and read excerpts from their stories.

The Bronx Memoir Project was created by the Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center in order to develop and refine memoir fragments written by people of all ages, races, genders, nationalities, and backgrounds residing in the Bronx. This was achieved by deploying memoir-writing facilitators and other accomplished literary artists — including BCA BRIO winners — to various cultural destinations throughout the Bronx in spring of 2014.

These workshop facilitators met with eager Bronxites at over 25 free writing sessions made available to persons of all writing skill levels. The resulting works submitted in final electronic draft form have been published in traditional trade paperback and e-book formats as *Bronx Memoir Project – Volume 1*, a collection of over fifty submissions and the first book ever published of its kind.

Paperback books can be purchased at Amazon.com and as e-books for download for Kindle and Nook!

The Bronx Council on the Arts is a private, nonprofit membership organization and is the official cultural agency of the Bronx. Recognized nationally as a leading arts service organization that provides grants, cultural services and programming, BCA offers a wide array of services to Bronx-based artists as well as arts- and community-based organizations. For more information on BCA's upcoming events and programming and to learn how you can support the Bronx Council on the Arts during its future endeavors, please visit bronxarts.org.

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